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FORMER VARE-FOE FOR PATTERSON NOW

Captain Homer Hacker's Record Exposed by Republican Alliance—Changed Tactics

WANTED TO AID TAXI MEN

Captain Homer Hacker, who has become a member of the service men's committee promoting the majority candidacy of Judge Patterson, politician recalled today, excited city-wide interest three years ago by his fighting campaign to win the congressional nomination from Congressman Vare in the First or South Philadelphia district.

At that time Hacker, now an aide of the Vares, issued a statement in which he protested against the grip of the Vare leadership on his section of the city. At that time also his Homeric physical proportions were frequently seen in the office of Senator Penrose.

His Opposition Waned

Leaders in the Republican Alliance said today that Hacker's opposition to the Vares abated considerably after the 1916 campaign, and that in 1917 he quickly "taxied" to the Vare camp.

"They have made every effort to get me to withdraw my name as a candidate for Congress. Only the other day a man came to me and said, 'What's your price?'"

"My Hall," I answered and he went away."

"In an interview three years ago, Hacker was quoted as saying:

"Sure, I'm going to lick the congressman. Why the Vares have got South Philadelphia by the throat. It's just all popcock that they can't be licked. You've got to take a fall some time and I am pioneer enough to go into the enemy's camp and run against him. There will be nothing to it."

Attacked Mayor Smith

Discussing the city administration, Hacker was asked if he was satisfied with the management of the city's affairs. "Not by a long shot," he replied, "Mayor Smith is playing petty politics for the convenience of the Vares. Mayor Smith said he was going to have a business administration, but where is it?"

Captain Hacker saw service in France with the expeditionary forces and only recently returned home. He lives at 2533 South Fifteenth street, in the Twenty-sixth ward.

"1000" NOW ORGANIZED

Robins Fills "Row" Positions on the Committee

Organization of the committee of one thousand has been perfected. Thomas Robins, chairman, has announced the vice-chairmen to be Robert F. Irwin, Jr., and Alexander Conn.

Louis Andrew Berry has been made secretary and Henry H. Netter, treasurer.

Conn will have charge of the speakers' bureau, Berry the publicity bureau and Irwin will head the organization committee.

Judge Patterson has gone on a fishing trip off Bay Head, N. J., with Charles E. Carpenter, president of E. F. Houghton & Co., and a former member of the committee of one hundred. Mr. Carpenter denied any political significance in the visit of Judge Patterson.

\$5000 Fire Downtown

Fire last night caused \$5000 damage to the dwelling of Julius Actor, 425 Jackson street. Mrs. Actor had taken her children to a Turkish bath, and her husband was also away at the time. The Actor said there was no fire of any kind in the house when they left the premises.

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RESEARCH BUREAU BLAMES VARE MEN

Holds Connelly, Walton and Gaffney Responsible for Charter's Confusing Section

TAXPAYER BROUGHT SUIT

Blame for the confusion arising from part of the finance section of the new city charter is laid on City Solicitor Connelly, City Controller Walton, and Joseph P. Gaffney, Council's finance chairman, in a bulletin issued today by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

On August 20, in Common Pleas Court No. 2, a taxpayer's suit was entered to restrain the city from proceeding with three loans already authorized. The suit was brought by Solomon C. Kraus, a real estate man, through his counsel, Joseph L. Kun, deputy attorney general under Governor Brumbaugh.

"Forced Into Charter"

After a brief review of the opposition brought against the finance section of the new charter as originally drafted by the charter revision committee, the Municipal Research bulletin continues: "As enacted into law the article under attack in the pending taxpayer's suit is virtually the article drafted in the city solicitor's office. In essence it is the wording which the city controller and the charter committee forced upon the opponents of the charter against the protests of the charter revisionists. The responsibility is on the shoulders of these three officials and the attorney general. The wording is as different from that of the charter committee as night is from day."

The opponents of the charter were unresponsive to suggestions—even those made simply to clarify their own draft.

"At one point in the conferences the suggestion was made on the part of the revisionists that words be added to the draft to indicate whether or not the prohibition against borrowing money for current expenses was to apply to all loans to be issued after the effective date of the article or only to loans authorized after that date.

Suggestion Turned Down "This suggestion was disposed of by the charter opponents on the ground that they did not want the prohibition to apply to loans authorized prior to the effective date and that without specific wording to that effect the courts would unquestionably take the stand that only loans authorized after that date were restricted to purposes other than current expenses."

"It is precisely the lack of this specific wording that has given rise to the litigation in question and to all the sensational assertions and predictions unjustifiably based thereon."

"I have been trying to run down that rumor," he said. "There is absolutely nothing in it."

ALLIED UNIONS SPURN BRICKLAYERS' STRIKE

Men of 16 Affiliated Trades Disapprove Walkout That Halts Building

SAY AGREEMENT IS BROKEN

Sixteen allied trades organizations have voted disapproval of more than 1500 bricklayers in the city who are striking in violation of an agreement they are said to have signed to work for 87 1/2 cents an hour until April 1, 1920.

The men are out for \$1.25 an hour. Their action was condemned by the sixteen affiliated unions, which went on record as disapproving and refusing to support the action of the union that is said to have treated its agreement as a "scrap of paper."

Among the jobs being held up by the strike are the Frankford "L" stations, the Babies' Hospital, Seventh and Pine streets; buildings at the Frankford arsenal and construction work at Hog Island, as well as building throughout the city.

See U. S. Officials

Representatives of the strikers will confer with government officials this morning as a result of the authorities' request that work on a federal contract at a dock at Mifflin street wharf be resumed at the old rate. One hundred and seventy-five men from this job are striking.

No serious action of the bricklayers that construction work throughout Philadelphia is virtually at a standstill. Many housing operations designed to be completed in time for winter tenancy are due to be held up indefinitely, and factories under construction also will be held over until next spring, it is said.

Many builders face a serious situation as a result of the strike. With no intimation that the bricklayers would treat their agreement as a "scrap of paper" the builders are said to have signed contracts, figuring on the building costs with the bricklaying at the agreed upon price.

In addition to the meeting of government and union representatives, meetings are scheduled today also at the Builders' Exchange. One is called for this afternoon, when the general contractors will pass resolutions supporting the master builders in the strike. The other will be in the evening, when the boss bricklayers will meet to discuss the strike.

Impossible, Says Contractor P. J. Kelly, a contractor, said that it was impossible to meet the demands of the men, and that the work would stay in the condition it is in until next spring before the builders would give in.

The contractor said the national officer of the union declared the meeting of two weeks ago, when the demand was presented for an increase in wages, a "rump" meeting.

The resolution to strike was passed after the thinking men had gone home and the president was ousted from the chair and a deputy put in, the contractor added. He also said that the business agent of the union, William J. Haggerty, was not in sympathy with the strikers.

CUNNINGHAM SPIKES RUMOR

Candidate Says He Does Not Want Vare Aid

Thomas W. Cunningham, chairman of the Republican Alliance, denied today that he had sought "organization" support in his campaign for re-election as clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions. He said he would make his fight as an Independent Republican candidate, and did not want "organization" help.

Mr. Cunningham said that he had been told of the report that he had offered to desert Congressman Moore and "throw" thousands of votes to Judge Patterson in the Tenth ward, where he is Republican leader, in return for "organization" support.

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THREE LITTLE ROOSEVELTS



Grandchildren of the late Theodore Roosevelt and children of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt on a Long Island beach. In the rear is Grace; Theodore, Jr., and Cornelius are in the front.

IN JAIL ILLEGALLY, IS CHARGE GIRL, AT PLAY, GIVES ALARM

Says Cousin is Held in Moyamensing Though Term Expired

A charge that his cousin, Josiah Titzell, of New York city, is being held illegally in Moyamensing Prison was made today by Alexander Martin, an optician, 1728 Chestnut street.

Titzell, according to Mr. Martin, was sentenced to thirty days in prison by Judge Davis on July 17 for failing to pay a \$9 taxicab bill. The costs of the prosecution, \$11.50, also were assessed against Titzell.

Mr. Martin said today that Titzell's sentence expired August 16, but that he is still kept in prison. On the back of the commitment papers, the optician declared, was a stipulation that the defendant is not to be released until he pays the taxicab bill and the costs.

Relatives of the imprisoned man allege his incarceration now takes on the aspect of imprisonment for debt, and they intend to ask for a writ of habeas corpus in an effort to gain his release.

TRUCK INJURES MAN, NINETY Pedestrian, Left Bleeding on Street, Picked Up by a Motorist

Struck by a horse-drawn truck today at Third and Vine streets, Lawrence Phoff, ninety years old, 628 North Thirtieth street, says the driver left him bleeding in the street and drove away.

The aged man crawled to a curbing and a few minutes later was seen by a motorist, who offered to take him home. Phoff said he told the motorist he lived at Thirtieth street and Ridge avenue. He evidently was misunderstood, because he was brought to Thirtieth street and Ridge avenue, where the motorist left him.

Phoff, bleeding from a cut under one eye and with his right hand lacerated, was seen by a patrolman, who took him to the Northwestern General Hospital. Physicians say the aged man is suffering from shock. The police are searching for the truck driver.

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PRO-GERMANS PLAN LOYALTY MEETING

Plans of Mass Gathering at Turngemeinde Fail to Arouse Authorities

DOCTOR HEXAMER TO SPEAK

Germans in this city, invited to attend a mass-meeting tonight in the Turngemeinde, Broad street and Columbia avenue, are urged to "meet in order to prove that German loyalty is no empty phrase."

The meeting is sponsored by the "Hilfsfund of Philadelphia," which became the German Philadelphia Relief Society during the war, and the invitations, which call attention to the fact that "one should not take into consideration anything but the need of the German people," are signed by Joseph Schlenz, president of the Hilfsfund.

Apparently the meeting has been arranged with no objection from the office of federal agents or the police. An advertisement, printed in the German language in German newspapers, has appeared from time to time telling of the meeting.

The Advertisement

The advertisement is declared to be a renewal of German propaganda here. Its English translation follows: "On Thursday, August 28, in the interest of suffering across the ocean, at the Turners', under the auspices of the Hilfsfund of Philadelphia."

"Germans to the front! Everybody should come, for it will be a wonderful time when all the men and women of German ancestry in the City of Brotherly Love meet in order to prove that the German loyalty is no empty phrase."

"This mass-meeting shall bring us all together after the severe ordeal which we endured in the past years and it shall unite us, knowing that it is our duty to assist our devastated old fatherland and do everything to relieve hunger and suffering in order that our people will again take heart and assume a leading place among the nations of the world. This, our purpose, will lead us to sublime heights, for what could be nobler and more sublime than pity and charity."

Would Show World "All German men and women now show the world that the people of German descent are made of, and show your willingness to meet this emergency! Therefore, come in large numbers, filling the hall to the last seat. Nobody will regret having come, as he will leave with the consciousness that his presence has assisted in a noble cause. One should not take into consideration anything but the need of the German people, which indeed defies description. No other people has suffered as much during the war as the German nation is suffering even now. And to relieve this suffering shall be our sole purpose."

Signed for the Hilfsfund. "JOSEPH SCHLENZ, President."

Schlenz was formerly a director of the North Penn Bank, but resigned after his loyalty to the United States was attacked and depositors of the institution demanded his removal. Ralph T. Moyer, the accused cashier, is said to have succeeded in ousting Schlenz after a heated argument. The objection to the president of the Hilfsfund as a director is said to have been based upon his refusal to buy Liberty Bonds.

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